

## BASEBALL—SPORTS OF ALL SORTS—BOXING

### RISBERG AFTER TERRY'S JOB WITH WHITE SOX

By Mark Shields

A young man entitled Swede Risberg will be the rookie to hold the center of attention with the White Sox this spring. He is a highly-touted infielder with a remarkable reputation made in the Pacific Coast league. He is avowedly after the job of Zeb Terry, another coast product, and will be in competition also with McMullin, a third native son.

Picking infielders from the coast league is a popular pastime on the South Side, and Weaver and Terry are two testimonials to the brand of fellows developed out that way. Terry is a remarkable ground coverer and is very steady for a man who has had but one year in the big show.

It is not likely Risberg will be better on defense, and that narrows the choice down to one of hitting. The Swede party is labeled something of a clouter. But, unless he can hit 40 or 50 points better than Terry, he will have to be a defensive marvel to land the job. The Sox pack a healthy punch in other positions, and the great need at short is fast fielding.

Outside of this one job, and the hole in right field, there are no jobs open for the men on hand. Henry, a Virginia league first baseman, hit less than .250 in his circuit, and that is not a healthy recommendation for the big leagues. Jourdan and Hasbrook are also after the first corner job, but Chick Gandil has a lien on it.

Recruit outfielders will be after the right field job, but they have little chance, with Liebold and Murphy competing for the place of John Collins. Except for pitchers, the chances are not bright for young men with the White Sox this spring.

Rowland put the men to work on the diamond three hours after they landed in Mineral Wells, and prom-

ises a strenuous course of training from now on. Military drill will be a feature, but the plan for it has not been decided on.

San Johnson is out with a scheme to have a competitive drill between the eight teams of his league some time in July or August, with a prize of \$500 for the team with the most soldierly appearance. And the drill sergeant responsible for the showing will be slipped a reward of \$100. It is a novel idea and one that can be developed into something worth while.

Jack Fournier and his future furnish the great problem to White Sox authorities. Jack has a contract, made during wartime, calling for something like \$7,000 per annum. Except for pinch-hitting purposes there is no role for him to fill with the Rowlandites. And there are some other fellows around to take care of that assignment in case Jack is disposed of.

But it will be difficult to get some other club to assume a contract calling for the sum named in Jack's agreement. Some team in dire need of a first baseman might use him, but Jack's shortcomings on that assignment are well known throughout both major leagues. He would have a better chance in the National than American and would be a tremendous hitter.

Fournier is a natural .300 batter, but no place on a team can be discovered where his fielding deficiencies will be small enough not to act as a drag on his attacking prowess.

Harry Wolfe, much press-agented recruit shortstop of the Cub team, will hardly land a regular berth with the big leaguers this year. Harry appears to have all the natural attributes of a big league regular, but he is deficient in experience, and that is a big item up in the big tent.

Wortman should be able to fight him off. Chuck fielded sensationally